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APPENDIX E

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY TREATMENT SERVICES (ARTS) GUIDANCE TO
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Since April 1, 2017, the DMAS Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) benefit has expanded access to a comprehensive continuum of addiction treatment services for all enrolled members in Medicaid, FAMIS and FAMIS MOMS. These services include the following hospital-based services:

Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services (ASAM Level 4.0)*- acute detoxification services occurring at acute care hospitals on a *medical floor* which offers medically directed acute withdrawal management and related treatment.

Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services (ASAM Level 3.7)*- alcohol or other drug treatment, including planned and structured regimen of 24-hour professionally directed evaluation, observations, medical monitoring and addiction treatment in an inpatient setting consisting of a freestanding facility or a specialty unit in a general or psychiatric hospital. For this service, hospitals are licensed with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) for medical detox or managed withdrawal. These are in the psychiatric unit of an acute care hospital as well as freestanding psychiatric hospitals.

*Providers are responsible for requesting an authorization from the correct plan for the most appropriate level of care that is clinically relevant to the course of treatment.

Facilities are responsible for verifying eligibility at the time services are rendered. Eligibility can be checked through DMAS MediCall audio response system (1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996) or the DMAS web-based internet option, available on the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal.

If a member has active Medicaid at the time of admission and **primary reason for admission is substance use disorder related, an ARTS authorization request should be submitted to the member's managed care organization (MCO) for managed care enrolled members, or for fee-for-service (FFS) members, to the DMAS FFS contractor for Behavioral Health, currently Magellan of Virginia¹ within *one (1) business day of admission*.** Retroactive requests for authorizations will not be approved with the exception of retroactive Medicaid eligibility for the individual. If a member has active Medicaid at the time of admission, and the **primary reason for admission is medically related, a FFS medical authorization request should be submitted to the FFS contractor for medical services, Kepro, within *one (1) business day of admission*.** For members enrolled in a Medicaid MCO, providers should submit the medical authorization request to the member's MCO. The same rule applies for medical services as stated above for retroactive Medicaid eligibility.

An authorization is required prior to submission of claims for reimbursement. The FFS contractor for Behavioral Health is unable to reimburse claims that do not contain the appropriate revenue and HCPCS codes related to the ARTS authorization on file with the FFS contractor. **ARTS claims must have a primary substance use diagnosis.**

¹ Effective November 1, 2023, the DMAS FFS contractor for Behavioral Health Services will transition from Magellan of Virginia to Kepro.

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For additional information regarding billing/submitting claims, please review the *ARTS Reimbursement Structure* and *ARTS Billing Methods by ASAM Level of Care* documents found here: [Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services](#).

Place of Service	Provider	Primary Diagnosis & Focus of Treatment	Service	Benefits Applied to	Responsible for FFS Members	Responsible for Managed Care Members
Facility-Med/Surg	Med/Surg Attending	Medical	Med/Surg for Medical Dx	Med/Surg	Kepro	Managed Care Organizations
Facility-Med/Surg	Med/Surg Attending	Substance use	Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient (ASAM 4.0)	BH Coverage	Magellan of Virginia*	Managed Care Organizations
Facility-Med/Surg	Med/Surg Attending	Primary Medical with secondary Mental Health or Substance Use	Med/Surg for Medical Dx	Med/Surg	Kepro	Managed Care Organizations
Facility- BH Psych Unit	BH Attending	Substance use	Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Treatment (ASAM 3.7)	BH Coverage	Magellan of Virginia*	Managed Care Organizations

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Facility- BH Psych Unit	BH Attending	Mental Health	Inpatient Psychiatric Services	BH Coverage	Magellan of Virginia*	Managed Care Organizations
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Note: Managed care enrolled members have their Med/Surg and Behavioral Health inpatient services covered by the Medicaid managed care organization. *Effective November 1, 2023, FFS Behavioral Health and Substance Use Service Authorization requests should be submitted to Kepro.